**Norms for National Highways Construction**

1012. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make the norms related to construction of national highways more flexible;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether with this objective in view, Government are framing a new Model Concession Agreement (MCA) which provides for risk sharing between Government and the investors; and

(d) if so, the details of MCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Modified Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for public private partnership in road project is under consideration of the Government. As such it is too early to give the details.

**Road proposal from Kamataka**

1013. SHRI K. B.KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kamataka Government have sent any proposal for the sanction of Rs. 2300 crores for laying of four laning of Hassan-Bantwal Section of NH-48, and other four or six lane on NH-13,63 and NH-48; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A request for four/six laning of Hassan-Mangalore Section of NH-48, Hospet-Chitradurga Section of NH-13 and Hospet-Bellary Section of NH-63 has been received from the Government of Kamataka and these proposals have not been included in NHDP Phase-Ill. However, in the Kamataka total 457 km. length of National Highways comprising stretches of NH-4,4A, 7,17 & 48 have been identified for four/ six laning on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-lilA.

**Inland waterways in Kerala**

1014. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala have submitted a project for the inland waterways in Kerala;